

Attorney Docket No. BSCU-039/00US 027060-2227

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | |
|--|---|------------------|
| In re Application of Joseph P. Desmond | Examiner: | Julie Ann Szpira |
| Serial No.: 10/601,410 | Confirmation No.: | 7691 |
| Filed: June 23, 2003 | Group Art Unit: | 3731 |
| For: | VARIABLE LENGTH NEPHROSTOMY SHEATH | |

Via EFS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated November 30, 2009, the deadline for response being December 22, 2009, with a one-month extension of time fee (calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action) submitted herewith, the Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

If further extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.